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In re Application of )  
TSANG et al. ) Art Unit: 1641  
Application No. 09/857,539 ) Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen  
Filing Date: June 6, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 6357  
For: REAGENT AND METHOD FOR )  
DETECTING A CRYPTOSPORIDIUM )  
PARVUM SPOROZOITE ANTIGEN )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the remarks, arguments, and preliminary claim amendments offered below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.